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Operational activities for development: South-South cooperation for development

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee considered agenda item 58 (b) jointly with sub-item 58 (a). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at its 36th meeting, on 19 November 2009. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary record (A/C.2/64/SR.36).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/64/L.3 and A/C.2/64/L.42

2. At the 18th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "South-South cooperation" (A/C.2/64/L.3), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
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> "*Reaffirming* its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,
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> "*Recalling* its resolutions 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 60/212 of 22 December 2005, 62/209 of 19 December 2007, 63/233 of 19 December 2008, 64/1 of 6 October 2009 and other resolutions relevant to South-South cooperation,

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"*Recalling also* the 2005 World Summit Outcome,

"*Welcoming with appreciation* the generous offer of the Government of Kenya to host the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;

"2. *Decides* to postpone the sixteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation to one convenient day in February 2010;

"3. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session the sub-item entitled 'South-South Cooperation for development', and requests the Secretary-General to submit at that session a comprehensive report of the state of South-South cooperation for development."

3. At the 36th meeting, on 19 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "South-South cooperation" (A/C.2/64/L.42) submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Mohamed Chérif Diallo (Guinea), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/64/L.3.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/64/L.42 (see para. 8).

6. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the Vice-Chairperson (Guinea) (see A/C.2/64/SR.36).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/64/L.42, draft resolution A/C.2/64/L.3 was withdrawn by its sponsors (see A/C.2/64/SR.36).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

South-South cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,[1]

Recalling its resolutions 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 60/212 of 22 December 2005, 62/209 of 19 December 2007, 63/233 of 19 December 2008, 64/1 of 6 October 2009 and other resolutions relevant to South-South cooperation,

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[2]

Welcoming with appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Kenya to host the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;[3]

2. *Decides* to hold the sixteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on 4 February 2010, preceded by an organizational meeting on 21 January 2010 to elect the President and Bureau of the sixteenth session of the High-level Committee;

3. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session the sub-item entitled "South-South Cooperation for development", and requests the Secretary-General to submit at that session a comprehensive report of the state of South-South cooperation for development.

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[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

[2] See resolution 60/1.

[3] A/64/321.